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26th Annual AYSO Cactus Classic Open Invitational Tournament Referee Plan



The following are guidelines that the AYSO Cactus Classic Open Invitational Tournament will apply for referees in our 2016 tournament:

<p>Commitment Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Each team participating in the 2016 Cactus Classic Open Invitational Tournament must provide at least 1 crew consisting of 3 qualified referees. B. The Cactus Classic Referee Information Form must be completed, approved by the Region or Org. Referee Administrator and returned with the Team Application. C. Each referee team will be asked to officiate a minimum of 3 matches during the tournament. These may be game assignments or standby assignments, which will be consider equal in terms of earning the referee deposit refund. D. If all assignments are completed, the entire referee deposit of \$150 will be refunded within 14 days of the completion of the tournament. If only partial assignments are completed, then a partial refund will be provided equal to the proportion of assignments completed. E. The deposit refund check will be returned to the Region/Organization Treasurer info shown on the Team Application form. F. Remember: the quality of officiating is largely dependent upon the experience and abilities of the referees you provide. G. If a team submits less than a full 3-person referee crew, these referees will be assigned to games, however only a proportion of the referee deposit equal to the number of assignments these referees complete will be refunded to the team. H. Should a team's referees fail to appear for their assigned game and no replacement referees can be found, then the entire team's referee deposit may be forfeited regardless of how many other assignments the referee crew may have completed.
<p>Qualification Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Each AYSO referee must have a current season volunteer form on file with the NSTC, provide their AYSO ID#, be Safe Haven certified, and have CDC Concussion Certification. B. USSF referees wishing to participate in the AYSO Cactus Classic Tournament are recommended to cross certify with AYSO, by registering as a volunteer, taking the on-line Referee Safe Haven Certification Course, and completing the AYSO/USSF Cross Certification Form. C. Each referee must be versed in the Laws of the Game, including current law changes and capable of applying the laws according to the spirit of the game. D. Youth referees will only be allowed if they are not a player in the tournament. Care must be taken when considering whether to allow a youth referee to officiate in the heated environment of a competitive tournament. These referees must have their Youth Volunteer Application form with them at all times and present it to any Tournament official upon request. E. Youth referees must be approved by their Regional Referee Administrator, by completing the Cactus Classic Youth Referee Authorization Letter. These referees must have their Youth Volunteer Letter with Youth Volunteer Application form attached with them at all times and present it to any Tournament official upon request. F. Youth referees will only be assigned to games where they are qualified and at least 2 years older than the age group they are officiating. G. All referees must have officiated for one full season to be eligible to referee at this tournament.
<p>Uniform Requirement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. All referees must be in full Uniform as defined by AYSO and USSF, including appropriate AYSO Badge. B. The Gold uniform will be considered the primary color of referee uniform for this tournament. The referee crew will be expected to change to an alternate color in case of conflict with either of the teams' uniforms. C. Referees not in uniform will not be permitted to referee games, and their team's referee deposit may be subject to forfeiture.

Competency Requirements	<p>A. Referees will be assigned to games as follows: U-10: AYSO Regional Badge or higher / USSF Grade 9 or higher U-12: AYSO Intermediate Badge or higher / USSF Grade 8 or higher U-14: AYSO Advanced Badge or higher / USSF Grade 8 or higher U-16/U19: AYSO Advanced Badge or higher / USSF Grade 8 or higher Any exceptions must have the prior written approval of the Cactus Classic Referee Administrator.</p> <p>B. Every effort will be made to assign referees to neutral games at their level of competency or below. In rare cases, referee crews may be asked to split up in order to meet these goals.</p>
Tournament Rules	<p>A. Referees will be expected to familiarize themselves with and uphold the tournament rules, AYSO guidelines and FIFA laws. Any failure of the referee to uphold these rules may be cause for dismissal from the tournament, and will place a team's referee deposit refund in jeopardy.</p> <p>B. Only the diagonal system of control will be used.</p> <p>C. Referees will be expected to note on the back of the game cards and to fill out misconduct reports immediately after the game in which a misconduct (caution and/or send-off) was issued to a player or coach, or if there were spectator interference problems, or any other action that merits a report.</p> <p>D. Referees will be expected to turn in all completed game cards and misconduct reports to the Field Monitor or stats tent immediately after each game.</p> <p>E. Cactus Classic Tournament conducts a Sportsmanship competition in addition to its games competition. Referees will be asked to grade each team by indicating sportsmanship levels on the back of the game cards. More details will be provided to each referee upon check-in at the tournament.</p>
Referee Schedules	<p>A. Referee schedules will be mailed out to each team and also made available on the tournament website within 1 week of the tournament. Each team will be expected to ensure that the referee schedule and check-in instructions have been provided to their referee crew.</p>
Use of Local Referees	<p>A. Additional referees will be provided by the host region, including from the surrounding regions and Areas to ensure all games are covered by qualified referees. These referees will be provided assignments on a stand-by or fill-in basis. Priority will be given to referee crews to ensure an opportunity to earn their deposit refund.</p>
Referee Check-In	<p>A. All referees will be expected to check in at the Referee Station upon their arrival at the tournament, to register and to collect their Referee Voucher.</p> <p>B. At check-in, each referee team will be provided with a summarized set of tournament rules that they will be expected to administer.</p> <p>C. Referees are expected to check in at the Referee Station at least 30 minutes prior to their assigned game. Failure to appear on time may result in a replacement referee crew being assigned to the field. Once a replacement crew has been assigned, they will have priority and the original crew must report to the Referee station for alternative assignment.</p>
Referee Mementos	<p>A. Referees will be provided with food and drink at the Referee Station for each day that they officiate. Chilled water and snacks will also be available at the Referee Station.</p> <p>B. Participating referees will receive tournament mementos to thank them for their contribution.</p>
Address:	<p>Referee forms must be mailed with the Team Application to:</p> <p>Tournament Registrar Cactus Classic Tournament 4006 W. Gelding Dr Glendale, AZ 85306</p>
Contact Information:	<p>Questions regarding referee requirements should be directed to:</p> <p>Mario Cardi E-mail refadmin@ayso310.org Web site www.ayso310.org</p>

